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## LUTHER LEAGUE

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April 28--May 1, 1955



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# Luther League Convention

## —'MORE THAN CONQUERORS'—

### Convention Program

#### Thursday—April 28

2:00-8:00 p.m. Registration—Pioneer Memorial

8:00 p.m. Opening service: "By This Sign, Conquer"—Rev. Robert Berthelsen

9:30 p.m. Get acquainted mixer

#### Friday—April 29

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion: "The Fellowship Of Conquerors"—Rev. Alfred Andersen

9:30 a.m. "Conquering Doubt And Confusion"—Rev. Carroll Hinderlie

10:30 a.m. Business session

2:00 p.m. "Conquering Through His Word"—Rev. Eugene Wekander

2:30 p.m. Bible study—all Leaguers

2:30 p.m. Youth Leaders, Pastors and Counsellors Forum—Rev. Hinderlie

4:00 p.m. Film—"This I Believe"

7:30 p.m. "Conquering With Christ—Forever The Same"—Rev. Hinderlie

8:45 p.m. Campfire sing

9:30 p.m. Devotions at Cross

#### Saturday—April 30

8:30 a.m. Devotions—Rev. Cleo Hanson

9:00 a.m. "Conquering Through Love"—Rev. Nor. Hanson

10:30 a.m. Business session

1:30 p.m. Concluding business session

2:30 p.m. Recreation

6:00 p.m. Banquet. "Not Conquerors Only—More Than Conquerors"—Rev. George Robertson

8:30 p.m. Dana Male Glee Club concert

#### Sunday—May 1

9:00 a.m. Bible study

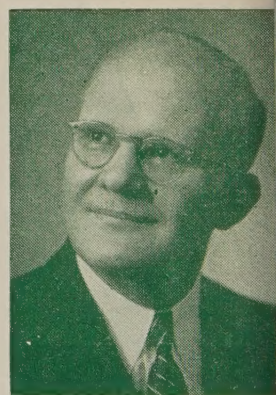
10:30 a.m. Morning worship: "Conquerors—One One"—Rev. C. C. Madsen.  
Closing of convention.



Rev. Carroll Hinderlie  
Youth Director, Lutheran  
League, Evang. Luth. Church



Rev. LeRoy Andersen  
President, Lutheran League  
UELCL



Dr. Hans C. Jersild  
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# "Welcome to Dana"

By

A Dana Student



April 28-May 1 is only five weeks away, and that date is an important event on our Dana campus. That date is the Luther League Convention. Although Dana has been the site of our National Luther League Convention quite a few times, we look forward to those days from this end of all planning and preparation. We are as interested and excited at the thought of being host to three hundred and thirty Luther Leaguers from nearly all parts of our church as we are sure many leaguers are looking forward with enthusiasm to their trip to the Luther League Convention. I have heard from personal conversations with leaguers, parents, and friends that there are many leaguers who are making plans to come to Dana April 28. Some of you are planning to come by train, some by bus, some by car, and some by special charter bus. Some of you maybe are beginning to wonder what to take along (or is it just girls who worry about things). Maybe you're looking at road maps or at bus arrival schedules. You are talking about the trip, what to do and see with other leaguers and friends. Big plans are in the making. Planning and preparation together with anticipation are sometimes half the fun of any event.

Yes, we here at Dana are also making big plans for your coming to our campus for the ninth convention of our National Luther League. Our students are busy working on many details: housing, registration, transportation, banquet, entertainment, special events and many others. It's a lot of work to host to 300-400 guests, and it takes lots of planning. But we enjoy it, and we look forward eagerly to those big days with you Luther Leaguers.

One of your planning, Luther Leaguers, let me make one important suggestion. Don't forget to plan for the most important part of the convention, and that's not clothes or dates

or the pranks or the fun you will have. They are all part of a convention, I know. It's what's in store for your spiritual life that's really the very heart of the convention. It's the opportunities of meeting Jesus Christ as maybe you never met Him before. It's the opportunity maybe to find out what He wants you to do or be in life. You just cannot predict what may happen at convention if you come with the idea and the thought that you are going to let Jesus say something to you. He wants to do just that, and He has an important word to say. He has something in store for you, something to give you that you will never forget. So don't make plans for the Luther League convention at Dana, April 28-May 1, without including plans to meet Jesus and hear what He has to say to you. If you don't make those plans and if you don't meet Him, your convention isn't really going to be worthwhile.

Yes, we here at Dana are really looking forward to convention days. So here's a hearty and earnest welcome to all of you who will be our guests, both Luther Leaguers and pastors. The "Welcome to Dana" banners will be out, and you will find in our hearts a warm welcome for all of you. May you have a good time, good in the fellowship and friendships you will make, but particularly good because when the convention is over you will have heard the Lord Jesus speaking to you and that you have come face to face with Him. Then the convention will be a success, and then, it will have meaning and purpose even after the excitement of convention is over. That's the wish, that's the prayer, that's the hope of all of us here at Dana who are planning and preparing for your coming to our campus for the Luther League Convention of our United Evangelical Lutheran Church, April 28 to May 1.



# What to Expect at Convention

By George J. Robertson

If you are one of the several hundred fortunate persons who will attend the International Luther League Convention at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, you will be interested in knowing what you may expect to see, hear and do. If you are not one of these privileged persons, there is all the more reason why you will want to follow the progress and decisions of this conference through what is written about it.

## INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES

Luther Leaguers, pastors, and counselors from Canada and from many parts of the United States will be there. Those present will be samples of the Leaguers and leaders from all districts of our Synod. The mingling of these "samples" with each other will be one of the most important factors in this Convention.

We will get acquainted with folks from distant and nearby places. We will compare notes on how we carry on our local League work. We will share new ideas and methods. We will blend our voices in singing and lift our hearts together to God in worship and praise. We will bring our varied views and experiences to bear on the business which is to come before us. We will sense a unity of faith and purpose which will inspire and encourage us. We will see that we are members of a great "team" of Lutheran Christians. We will know that we are members of a "BIG LEAGUE" team. That we can be "MORE THAN CONQUERORS!"

## ON HOME GROUND

The Dana College and Trinity Seminary campus is "home ground" to everyone in the United Evangelical Lutheran Church! Here you will find a campus which with its multi-level landscaping is beautiful in a new spring "dress" of green, fragrant with the scent of lilac, and blest with the warm welcome of busy but hospitable students, faculty and staff. When you arrive on the campus you can look about you and say: "This is mine!"

## GOD WILL BE THERE

The most important thing about this convention is that we will be meeting in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You can expect that God will meet you and speak to you at Blair. You will find that the officers of your Luther League have planned a program which is designed to give you the best in devotional and inspirational messages as well as in Bible Study. You should expect to discuss spiritual matters both in the session and in private conversation with your room-mates and fellow-leaguers. The spiritual possibilities of this convention are simply unpredictable. Great things can happen to you when you meet your Master and Savior during those days. Pastors and Counselors as well as Leaguers will benefit by the experienced ministry of Pastor Carroll Hinderlie, the Youth Director of the ELC, who will be our main speaker.

## A MOTION IS IN ORDER

The business sessions under the spirited and able leadership of our Synodical Luther League president, Pastor LeRoy Andersen, will have special significance. The decisions made will determine the policy and pattern of Luther League work throughout our Synod for the next two years. Beside the election of officers and the adoption of the budget, other important items will call for attention and action.

Three matters which are apt to come before us are:

1. New Mission projects.

2. The Office of Youth Director

3. Plans for Our Part in 1957 World-wide Lutheran Youth Conference

Item 1. We have completed the Mission Projects which were adopted at the 1953 Convention. The chapel at Mt. Japan cost \$1000.00 more than expected, and the Mission Board wonders if we would like to make that a part of Mission Projects for the next two years.

Item 2. The work required of the Youth Director is becoming more than a part-time job. Even so he is not to do many of the things which he sees need to be done in order to promote the work of the Luther League as it should be promoted. Therefore, at the request of the Executive Committee of your Luther League, he has presented two different plans for the improvement of the Office of Youth Director.

The first plan would include the calling of a full-time Youth Director, providing him with a house and travel allowance and a fund for secretarial help. This plan would cost about \$5500.00 more than is being spent for the service of the Youth Director at present. Should this plan be adopted, we would probably ask the Synod to assume a part of the cost.

The second plan would continue the Youth Director's office on a part-time basis, but would provide for more secretarial assistance and would make it possible for him to engage a student intern, or assistant, during the summer months. This would offset in part the extra time the Youth Director must devote to Bible Camps, Conventions, etc., during the summer months. This plan would involve an expenditure of between \$600.00 and \$800.00 per year.

These two plans have been presented to the Executive Committee and the President of Synod, and will be discussed further by the Youth Board when it convenes on April 22. Whether or not this matter comes before the convention will depend on the decision of the Youth Board.

Various objections have been raised to the expansion of the Youth Director's Office at this time, but we believe these objections have been met with facts which cannot be disregarded. We cannot go into pros and cons in this article, but will have the facts to present at the time of the convention.

Item 3. The Lutheran World Federation plans a meeting in the United States in 1957. The Lutheran Youth Directors working in connection with the L.W.F., are planning a world-wide Lutheran Youth Conference to be held just prior to the L.W.F. Convention. The plan is to have between 50 and 100 Lutheran youth from abroad come to America for this conference. They would pay their own way to our borders, and then we would become their hosts. From that time until they leave the Luther Leagues of the various Synods would be that they have travel expenses, lodging and meals provided. They would be available to attend Bible Camps, workshops, etc. prior to the Conference. The Conference itself would be attended by youth selected by the Lutheran Synods. If we are to have a part in this program, we must take action this year.

## ALL THIS AND MORE

These are just a few of the things you may expect to see, hear, and do in Blair. There will be much, much more! So get ready for the program, imagine the fellowship and fun! Think of the wealth of memories you will take home! but above all, COME! PRAY! BE A CONQUEROR!





# "Convention Days are Happy Days"

Pastor LeRoy F. Andersen

President, UELC Luther League

one of the last words I heard at our last Luther League convention were, "we'll be looking for you at the next convention!" Young people, with suit cases packed, laughing and joking, with convention badges pinned on sweaters, shirts, and hats, heading for Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Illinois and other parts, were hoping that they could be together again. They had lived and experienced 4 days together that they would remember forever and talk about for years to come.

convention time again! And for you that have been here once—you know that convention days are happy days. We are looking forward this year to a record breaking convention, and to all of you Leaguers who are getting your tickets and packing your bags, loading your cameras, and getting ready to head for Blair, we extend a hearty welcome! Thanks to faithful pastors, counsellors and leaguers, our UELC Luther League has experienced many blessings. Many of our leagues and Leaguers have grown to spiritual maturity since we last met. This is the reason we have a Luther League—that we might continually grow and become mature Christians. Really so that we might become Conquerors in Christ!

There are a lot of things to go to convention for and a lot of things to look forward to. One thing that you never miss is "inspiration." Sometimes it's the things that you least expect that send a thrill down your spine, or that give you a sense of hankfulness and happiness, or a sense of security and satisfaction—like singing "Jacob's Ladder" together around a campfire, arm in arm with hundreds of young people. Sometimes a little illustration in the middle of an evening meeting hits you deep, right down where you're living, and brings the Truth of Christ right into your life and points you in a direction that you have never seen before . . . when you look at the stars as you walk back to your dorm . . . makes you toss a little before you get to sleep. Maybe the thing that lifts you and thrills you is seeing and talking with college students for 4 days who are preparing to live for something that is great and has purpose—whether it's in teaching, medicine, or the ministry or parish work.

Convention days are happy days because you get away from home for awhile and all the ruts that are bogging down your thinking are left behind. The new friends you meet thrill you. The things that you say to each other will be things too, for you will find yourself saying things that you never said to your friends back home. Maybe you'll be

telling someone 500 miles away what you do in your league and how wonderful it is—and for you maybe that's the first time! Sometimes you have to get away from home to see how wonderful it really is and to realize the significance of what you have accomplished in your league and your own spiritual life. At convention you see a lot of things and get ideas galore.

I don't suppose that a National League convention has ever gone by, but that some leaguer made a commitment for life. I'll never forget the thrilling discussion I had with a group of leaguers up in the Science Room in Old Main as we discussed the convention theme, "Thy will be done", as it related to our lives. What an eagerness there was in some of those present to search for a way in which they could put their lives "into God's Hand" and let Him take them and use them wherever He would. Convention days are special days, because God seems to speak to us as He never has before. League conventions always ask us what we are going to do with our lives—and that is the future—and that is the direction we are interested in.

We hope that this will be a special convention for all of our Pastors, Youth leaders and counsellors. We have a special Forum that will be presented by Pastor Carroll Hinderlie, Youth Director of the E.L.C., who was one time a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines. We hope that this will be a rich experience and will give us wisdom, understanding and added insights into the Youth work that God has privileged us with. Part of our purpose at convention is to bring something home that we can use to strengthen our league program and bring us into closer contact with the problems of our Leaguers and ways to guide them.

Our convention will be a real success and a memory that we will never forget, in fact it may be a turning point in our lives and give us a vision of something that we have never seen before—if we go with the realization that God has something in store for us! God has a purpose for each one of you young people who will sign your name on the register at Blair. God has more in mind than that you should get a few days off from school and have a wonderful time at meetings, banquets, and recreation. God is concerned that you receive the assurance that you can be **more than a conqueror in life through Jesus Christ** and that when you have conquered, you have a new reason for living that fits into an Eternal pattern in the mind of God. See you at Blair!!



# LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION, April 28-May 1, 1951

## Convention Data

**Registration:** \$4.00 for delegates and visitors. Register immediately upon your arrival at the desk in the Conference Room, Pioneer Memorial. This request applies both to delegates and visitors. Wear the badge that is supplied you as a privilege.

**Meal Tickets:** The price of the meal ticket for the entire convention, Thursday evening through Sunday noon, \$6.00 (this includes the banquet on Saturday night.) Separate banquet tickets may be purchased at \$1.50 each.

**Lodging:** There will be no charge for lodging since you will be the guests of Dana College and its students. Luther Leaguers, let us remember that we are guests and abide by the dormitory and other rules set forth by the College.

**Transportation:** Please be sure to fill out in detail on the registration blank as to your arrival—the method, name of train or bus and the time. See attached sheet for bus schedules and other information.

**Canteen:** The canteen on the campus will be open between meetings and after the evening sessions.

**Mail:** Any mail that you will be receiving should be addressed: UELC Luther League Convention, c/o Dana College, Blair, Nebraska



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Name ..... Church .....

Address .....

Registration Fee Enclosed ..... Will pay on arrival .....

I plan to arrive: ..... Date ..... Hour .....

Arriving by Bus or Train? ..... Car? .....

Please have transportation committee meet me ..... Time ..... Place .....

Preference of someone in town or on campus with whom you would like to stay: .....

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Delegate ..... Guest ..... Pastor .....



# "MORE THAN CONQUERORS"



# News and Notes

**Youth Issue.** Since the first part of the paper is devoted to your problem, we merely urge our readers not to overlook the things that pertain to young people and the convention to be held at Blair.

**Next Issue will be** a Forward Christ issue totally prepared by Synodical Forward with Christ Committee.

**For Sigurd Petersen** has now accepted a position as chaplain at the Kansas State Training School, Parsons, Kansas. He has just completed six months of clinical training. His work will remain at Topeka, Kansas, where the school is out. Parsons School is for retarded children. A Topeka, Kansas, newspaper reports that there are at present 625

people at the institution, which cares for children and young people from 6-21.

## A LETTER

Bismark, North Dakota

Dear Editor:

For some time now I have meant to write in to our fine publication with a word of appreciation and gratitude for your many years of faithful and outstanding service to our Church and Christian Faith.

As for me, I don't believe there is a publication, bar none which I look forward to more than receiving a copy of the Ansgar Lutheran. To you, Pastor-Editor Jensen here's a vote of gratitude and thanks for your service, and to me the way in which you have built and helped mold together our Church,

is of such outstanding merit that we in our Synod shall find it rather difficult to evaluate.

I, for one, admire your rugged individualism and ability to be straightforward, ever unbending in your convictions. The Ansgar Lutheran can well be at the head of the list of Church periodicals and papers and might I add the thought provoking editorials you have and are writing have been of great benefit to myself and wherever my travels and fortunes have taken me.

So then, Friend John M. Jensen, here's a heartfelt "thank you" and may our Church continue to go forward with servants such as you.

Best Wishes,

Martin (Duke) Vaaler



# The Merger Negotiations

The last issue we gave a brief report of the progress of the merger negotiations just before we went to press. We were just back from the meeting in Chicago. This time we print in full the report of the News Editor of the National Lutheran Council, Mr. Erik W. Modean. Mr. Modean reports on the meeting of the negotiating bodies as well as on the meeting which was called by the Augustana Lutheran Church. This meeting was held the day before the other meetings were held. Here is the report of Mr. Modean.

## AUGUSTANA HOST AT SESSIONS TO EXPLORE LUTHERAN UNITY

Officials of the Augustana Lutheran Church met at Chicago, March 28 in late sessions with representatives of other Lutheran church bodies in an effort to "find a new common ground" for discussions of Lutheran unity "on a wider level."

The conferences were arranged by Augustana's Commission on Ecumenical Relations.

Augustana met in the morning with leaders of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in the afternoon with the United Lutheran Church's Special Commission on Relations to American Lutheran Church Bodies, and in the evening with the Joint Union Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church,

United Evangelical Lutheran Church and Lutheran Free Church.

While Augustana leaders expressed guarded optimism and encouragement over the results of the meetings, representatives of some of the other bodies were for the most part noncommittal on the possibility of any future developments.

Said Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of Augustana and chairman of its Commission on Ecumenical Relations:

"Augustana is optimistic about the outlook because, in spite of the divisions among us at present, the hope is entertained by all Lutheran bodies that there may be increasing fellowship and some day a completely unified Lutheran Church in America."

Dr. Benson, who presided, emphasized that the sessions were merely intended to be exploratory in nature and that no commitment was asked for or given by any group.

One of the Questions discussed but unanswered was . . . "would your body be willing to appoint representatives to join with all other Lutheran bodies willing to appoint such representatives to study the problem of Lutheran relationships in America?"

This commission, it was explained, would report its findings to each body in matters of theology and church polity.

The question was prefaced by a statement calling attention to "the tedious,

complicated but eventually successful negotiations between 1555 and 1580, which produced the Book of Concord," one of the basic confessional documents of the Lutheran Church.

Representing the Missouri Synod was its president, Dr. John W. Behnken, and its first vice president, Dr. Herman Harms, both of St. Louis, Mo., and the chairman of its Committee on Doctrinal Unity, Dr. Walker A. Baepfer, president of Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield, Ill.

According to Dr. Benson, discussion with the Missouri Synod officials centered on pulpit and altar fellowship and "how we can universalize that, so to speak." It was agreed, he said, that fellowship was the "most important step toward Lutheran unity and union."

"While eventual merger of any bodies would have as a prerequisite pulpit and altar fellowship," he added, "we could have such fellowship without union."

(Pulpit and altar fellowship means principally that a pastor of one church would be welcome to preach or conduct services in a Lutheran church of another denomination, and that members of one group could take communion in a church body of another group.)

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church, headed its eight-member commission, which also, during the day, met with representatives

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**BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 115, EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH, EUGENE, OREGON**

Front row, left to right: Ronny Cleland, Robert Mikkelsen, Danny Andreasen, John Andersen, Phillip Christensen, Dexter Barnes, Richard Moos, Jerry Smith, Gary Stuber, Bobby Ware, Kelly Singer, Leon Smith. Not on the picture, Bobby Phillips.

Back row, left to right: Scoutmaster A. T. Moos, and Assistant Scoutmaster M. P. (Chuck) Fortier.

**THE EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH, EUGENE, OREGON**, at their regular fellowship, Sunday evening, February 20th, celebrated a double festivity. It was a recognition of Rev. H. A. Svendsen's birthday. A gift was given to him by the congregation, besides a lovely birthday cake, which was a part of the refreshments served by the Emmaus Ladies Aid.

It was also the first **COURT OF HONOR** for the Boy Scout Troop No. 115 of the Emmaus Lutheran Church. The candle light ceremony was impressive and beautiful. Since the organization of the Boy Scouts in January of this year, the following boys have earned their awards,

Richard Moos, Patrol Leader, Merit Badge for Home Repair

Dexter Barnes, Scribe, Second Class Badge

Robert Mikkelsen, Tenderfoot Badge

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tatives of the American Lutheran Church, including its president, Dr. Henry F. Schuh.

Meetings of the ALC and ULCA, according to Dr. Schuh, have been in progress over many years for discussion of possible pulpit and altar fellowship between the two groups.

Largest of the meetings here was that between Augustana and the Joint Union Committee of the four bodies now negotiating the final steps of a merger expected to result in a Lutheran Church of more than 1,800,000 members.

It was from this group that Augustana withdrew in 1952 on the grounds

Kelly Singer, Tenderfoot Badge  
Jerry Smith, Tenderfoot Badge  
Gary Stuber, Tenderfoot Badge

Phillip Christensen, Tenderfoot Badge  
Since the Court of Honor ceremony, six more boys, John Andersen, Danny Andreasen, Ronny Cleland, Bobby Ware, Leon Smith, and Bobby Phillips, have joined the troop, so there are now thirteen Boy Scouts in the troop.

The neckerchiefs of the Boy Scouts were designed by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and the Executive Committee. The color of the neckerchiefs are yellow with a blue cross and the red letters **EL** at the lower part of the cross, a green band borders the neckerchiefs. These were all made by Mrs. M. P. (Lucille) Fortier.

The church organizations of Emmaus Lutheran Church generously contributed funds for the Boy Scout Troop in their much needed equipment. Great

tana withdrew in 1952 on the grounds that it could not participate in merger discussions which were not open to all Lutheran bodies and which did not include consideration of future ecumenical relations with such agencies as the World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches.

The agenda was the same for all three sessions, according to Dr. Benson, consisting of seven questions formulated by Augustana as a basis for discussions, without any formal or official conclusions requested from the participants. The questions discussed are printed elsewhere in this paper.

No arrangements were made, it was reported, for further meetings of the

credit is due to the training of Boy Scouts through the leadership Scoutmaster A. T. Moos and Assistant Scoutmaster M. P. (Chuck) Fortier and the following Executive Committee,

Rev. H. A. Svendsen, Advisor  
Marvin Mikkelsen, Chairman  
Neil Fleming, Institutional Representative

John (Norman) Briggs, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity Manager  
Harold Andersen, Advancement  
Kenneth Folkestad, Property Manager  
Raymond Iverson, Outdoor Manager

On February 28th, the Boy Scouts of Emmaus Lutheran Church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. (Casey) Haynes. Mr. Haynes has a hobby of electrical trains and the boys sure enjoyed. Mrs. Haynes served them refreshments that delighted every boy, heaping cones of ice cream and cookies.

**THE GOLD BAND LEAGUE**, a married couples organization, had a hamburger fry at five o'clock, Sunday evening, March 6th, at the parish hall. This time, the husbands cooked and served the meal for their wives. The hamburgers with trimmings were exceptionally good. Election of officers was held and the following were elected;

President, John (Norman) Briggs  
Vice-President, Marlyn Hansen  
Secretary, Mrs. Phillip (Beverly) Vaughan

Treasurer, Mrs. Dean (Bernice) Crocker

On March 13th, **THE FORWARD WITH CHRIST** committees of Emmaus Lutheran and Bethesda Lutheran Churches met jointly with Rev. Victor Magnuson, district representative for UELC, to explain to the committee the duties of each member of the committee in preparation of the Forward With Christ program.

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various groups that took part in sessions here.

### MERGER GROUPS OKAY STUDY OF LUTHERAN RELATIONSHIPS

Appointment of an intersynodal commission to study and report on Lutheran relationships in America was endorsed at Chicago by representatives of four Lutheran church bodies currently engaged in merger negotiations.

The proposal for such a study was made by the Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the Augustana Lutheran Church during a series of three conferences which it held here March 28 separately with officials

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## Ordained—Six African Pastors

By Margaret Nissen, Numan, Africa

One week Numan town had been humming with excitement and activity at the arrival of the one thousand men who were attending the annual Christian Fellowship.

On this Sunday morning, the 27th of February the church spire and lofty cross on top glistened and sparkled in the brilliant sunshine, while festive-clad crowds hurried toward the beautifully decorated church to attend the climax of this year's Fellowship, the ordination of six black pastors.

The church was packed long before the pealing of the bells announced the procession of black and white pastors with the six men to be ordained in the center.

Hundreds of people who could not get in stood or sat outside the church as Pastor Pilgaard Pedersen in white vestments and red stola, the Ordinator (entrusted with authority by the Danish Bishop, Fuglsang-Damgaard) led the procession into the church, assisted by Pastor Ezra of Lamurde (Secretary of our newly formed Lutheran Church of Christ in the Sudan.) The congregation rose to their feet as the procession passed up the center aisle flanked by members of the Girls' Life League and Boys' Brigade in uniforms. The pastors and six took their places in the chancel where seats also had been placed for the choir, relatives of the men to be ordained, the church council, representatives of the native administration and the missionaries.

The six sat facing the altar in their white vestments and black stolas, their bearing and facial expression clearly showed that for them this was an important and most sacred day. The congregation of about 2000 also showed that they were gripped by the solemnity of the occasion and a deep hush fell in the large church when Pastor Johan Nielsen, who had instructed the six, led the service and spoke to his former students and the large congregation.

And then those six men, tested and tried in the Lord's work, taught in the school of life, reverently and humbly stood before God and the Church which had called them to receive their ordination.

Tallest and most striking among them was Lenos from Numan. Two months before he had been brought in from his village to Numan hospital with lockjaw. For weeks his life hung in a thread while hundreds of Christians prayed for him. At times he suffered so intensely that he begged God to take him home. But he was spared to continue a most fruitful and untiring service in Belle District 25 miles south of Numan.

Beside him stood Dishon, a short but sturdy Longuda, with a good face and winsome ways. Even though he is the youngest of the group, he seems to be exceptionally self-headed, and he is a sincere and able speaker.

On the extreme left and first in line stood Akila, for many years a trusted man at Numan Hospital. He is of portly and slight of build and doesn't look too strong, but he is respected by his own people; recently the Native Administration has given him a place on the divisional council with special responsibility for health and education.

On Lenos' left stood Martin from Lamurde. He is an older, dependable evangelist with a heart of gold. His eyes have given him some trouble, and he pleaded this as an excuse for not continuing his training as he felt afraid and unworthy of taking up the work of a pastor. But those who knew him best encouraged him and persuaded him to continue.

Next to him stood Bonatem or Musa from Tsamba. He was among the first group to be baptized in Gurum (the station started by the British Branch of the S.U.M. and later handed over to us.) He was a teacher for a number of years, a humble and devout man. Although he is small of stature he is the natural spiritual leader of the 200 Christians in the large Tsamba tribe of more than 70,000 people. He is their first pastor and will have a hard place, fighting the Mohammedans every step of the way.

The last man on the right was Semon, a tall Kilba with a most wonderfully kind face. Becoming an orphan very early he became "small boy" to the missionaries in Pella. Kilba was a hard and barren field for many years in spite of the faithful work of the missionaries placed there. Then 17 years ago Semon went out as the first evangelist in that tribe, and the work spread and snowballed from his village, Bougekika, till today there are 1100 Christians in 45 villages in this tribe of about 54,000 people. He is not brilliant intellectually, but he is sincere, sympathetic and loved and respected in his tribe.

After these six men had promised, by the help of God, to remain faithful in their calling they were ordained by Pastor Pilgaard Pedersen, all the Lutheran pastors present taking part in the laying on of hands. After greetings had been read from the home churches, this momentous and impressive service was closed and the procession left the church.

In the evening all the African pastors and the missionaries were invited by Pilgaard Pedersen to dinner. As no house could accommodate the 50 guests a long table was set in the garden under the stars and temporary electric lights. Greetings were read from the Board in Denmark and the Church in America and from former missionaries. All the newly ordained pastors spoke and told how God had brought them out of heathenism and led them to this great and important day of their life. They were all deeply conscious of their own unworthiness and asked for prayer. I could not help but think of the 18 men in our preparatory class in Dashen, and I wondered how many of them would ever reach the day of ordination. The enjoyable evening was closed with prayer by Pastor Alfred Jorgensen as our hearts were filled with praise and gratitude to God who has called these our African brethren into His holy ministry. May He who has called these six men perform and perfect them and us all until His Day.

Loving greetings to all friends of the mission and a special greeting to all those who have written to me. I have been much encouraged by the many letters. I'm afraid there just will not be time to answer them, before I go home in about 6 months, God willing.

Gratefully yours,  
Margaret Nissen



## The Missouri Stewardship Conference

By Fred Jacobsen

Perhaps few of our readers are aware that once every year there is an all-Lutheran stewardship conference meeting to compare notes and exchange new ideas. This year the meeting was held at the beautiful "Lutheran Building" in St. Louis, Mo., the headquarters of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Dr. J. E. Hermann, Stewardship Counselor of the host synod, was an excellent chairman as well as host. All major Lutheran synods were represented. The writer of this article represented our UELC stewardship committee.

One is amazed at all the material produced by the various synods to encourage stewardship in our churches. Most synods have men devoting full time to this mission. They are the ones who can fully reap the benefits from such a conference and apply these principles and methods in synodical promotional work. Any or all material produced can be had by any synod at cost. There was a discussion whether more material could be jointly produced by all synods. However, as long as booklets and tracts are available for use by other synods, there is no particular point in joint efforts as far as editing and publishing. It would be of real value if our stewardship committee made some of this material available to all of our pastors in the active service.

Let us take one example. The Concordia Publishing House has produced in rainbow colors an excellent and deeply spiritual pamphlet entitled, "Your Substitute Unfolds The Riches of His Grace." This pamphlet unfolds in picture and words that Christ is our substitute when He died for us on the Cross. On a coal black page we read, "Suppose you had no Substitute . . . 'If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins,' John 8:24." Then the next page says, "Many people are dying in their sins because they have not found Jesus. If you have found Jesus in the Gospel and know Him as your Substitute, you will respond TO HIS EARNEST PLEA that you share your faith with those who are dying in their sin and ignorance." It then goes on to explain that substitutes for us, who cannot go, are reaching out to twenty-five different countries in the great missionary program of the synod. Also how the substitutes are developing two new congregations per week (Mo. Synod) through the great home mission program.

As one finishes reading a pamphlet like this, he cannot help but respond to this appeal for support. It is not merely meeting in full a cold quota or budget. It is not merely to give a dollar or a larger tip to God for missions. This is love reaching out in compassion for lost souls. The response should be overwhelming. It is some of the same spirit as our "Forward with Christ" movement that is being launched in our synod now. Nearly all our Lutheran stewardship material is of like quality. It speaks well for our church. Is it any wonder that the Lutheran church is one of the fastest growing denominations in our country?

Many of us are acquainted with the very fine stewardship manual used by the ELC. This book is very complete and explains in detail the various methods but with the main emphasis on the every-member canvass.

The various synods within the ULC publish much of their own material to my great surprise. There are in the centralized efforts as found in the Mo. Synod. However, the Central Pennsylvania Synod and the new Central States Synod showed some very clever and effective charts and pamphlets produced by them. "Money, time, ability, and energy converted into dollars. Money is your lengthened arm 'of love's working arm.'" The ALC and the Augustana synods also have been busy producing good material. The smaller synods like our Lutheran Free, and Suomi have not been as productive. The value of belonging to a larger synod as far as help and promotional material are concerned was readily seen.

What about commercial fund raisers? A very spirited discussion followed this question. Some synods are training their own personnel that will assist local congregations in raising funds. Others felt that the church ought to give the spiritual impact and doctrinal view but hire the technique of fund raising as we would hire an architect in a building program. When considered fully, the latter view seemed to prevail. No doubt, both methods will be used for a long time as the demand for expert help in fund raising far exceeds the help that can be provided from synodical headquarters.

Proportionate giving is definitely the system advocated. Tithing as such was not emphasized although that is the only proportion mentioned in the Bible outside of complete surrender to God. A sincere Christian would want to set aside a certain proportion of his income for Kingdom work. Many Christians are exceedingly careless when it comes to giving to God. Many do not realize how little of total net income they do give. No other obligation is met in that way. Why should we treat God's work in a less systematic way than that of other business. As a matter of fact we, as Christians, profess that the work of God is more important than anything else. It is eternal. Souls are lost or saved according to our interest and giving. We give or withhold salvation as we succeed or fail in sending missionaries at home and abroad. There is a definite link between our spiritual fervor and our giving to mission work.

Our task as a church in teaching stewardship in a God-pleasing manner is not an easy one. All belongs to God. Yet that expression becomes meaningless if "all" does not include a certain proportion. At any rate this stewardship conference at St. Louis certainly inspired us to do some rethinking on that subject. This report is written that you too may consider in a serious way the priority of God.

The 1956 All-Lutheran Stewardship Conference will be held during January at Des Moines, Iowa, the guest of our sister synod, the AELC, with the Rev. Ove R. Nielsen as convener.

Again we express our appreciation to our most congenial hosts, Dr. Hermann and Pastor W. Werning. It was good to be with you in the very heart of your synod. May God greatly use our Lutheran Church for the ingathering of lost souls.



# THE MERGER NEGOTIATIONS

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Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, United Lutheran Church in America and the bodies involved in the way merger.

The first official reply to Augustana's proposal came from the Joint Union Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lutheran Free Church.

In a formal statement addressed to Oscar A. Benson, Augustana president, the Joint Union Committee expressed the "hope that all Lutheran church bodies will accept this suggestion."

The committee further suggested that Augustana consult with the Conference of Lutheran Professors of Theology to determine whether this group could undertake the study with official approval and financial support from their respective church bodies."

The Conference is an independent, loosely-knit organization without officers which meets annually for discussion of theological questions. Its meeting next fall is scheduled in Ontario, Canada.

The Union Committee voiced the belief that if a joint study, dealing particularly with the fields of theology and church polity, is made, "more adequate answers may emerge" to some of the other questions that Augustana submitted to the participants in its conferences here.

These questions were: With what Lutheran bodies does your group have pulpit and altar fellowship? Are you now engaged in conversations with any Lutheran group looking toward such fellowship? What prevents

such fellowship between your body and those with whom no such fellowship exists? Would you agree that altar and pulpit fellowship is important in itself apart from relationship of organizations? Does your body have any plans of union embracing all American Lutherans if all were agreeable to closer ties? Do you feel that your doctrine of the Church differs on essential points from the doctrines held by other American Lutheran bodies?

In its communication to Dr. Benson, the Joint Union Committee also expressed "sincere appreciation of the concern" which motivated Augustana's Commission on Ecumenical Relations to initiate the meetings it held here to discuss the question of Lutheran unity and union.

## MERGER GROUPS REPORT PROGRESS ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

A major portion of the first draft of a proposed constitution for a new Lutheran Church of more than 1,800,000 members was tentatively approved at Chicago by representatives of four Lutheran bodies engaged in negotiations toward a merger it is hoped may become a reality by 1958.

Action was taken at a two-day meeting, March 29-30, of the Joint Union Committee, composed of nine representatives each from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church and Lutheran Free Church.

The Joint Union Committee gave preliminary endorsement to 13 of the 18 articles of the constitution. These deal with the Church's purpose; confession; authority, powers and organizational principles; membership; the clergy; general convention; the officers,

joint council; church council; the commissions; the districts; appeals and adjudication; and amendments.

Other matters dealt with in the constitution which are still to be considered or have presented a need for further study include the name of the new Church; the board of trustees; the various divisions; the auxiliaries; and the by-laws. Still to be decided also is the question of the location of headquarters.

In addition to the constitution and by-laws, other merger documents that must be drawn up include the articles of union, articles of incorporation and a budget.

The present timetable calls for completion of this task by Jan. 1, 1956, if they are to be printed and distributed for study by the church bodies before consideration by their respective general conventions next year.

In order to meet the demands of the schedule, a revised calendar of meetings was adopted for the coming year. Five of the eight sessions will be held by the Joint Committee on Polity and Organization, which carries the major burden of drafting the documents, and three by the Joint Union Committee.

Presiding at the sessions here as chairman of the Joint Union Committee was Dr. Tillman M. Sogge, a member of the faculty of St. Olaf College, with Dr. William L. Young, executive secretary of the ALC's Board of Christian Higher Education, as secretary.

The present merger negotiations had their beginning in 1948 when the United Evangelical Lutheran Church invited the other four member bodies of the American Lutheran Conference to participate in discussions and negotiations looking toward organic union.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Children's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pension Fund
Annual synodical budget \$256,668.60		14750.10	83300.00	25000.00	58646.50	7550.00	1542.00	65880.00
Previously acknowledged	186770.99	16638.87	58695.36	17097.12	44650.28	6501.38	1444.16	41743.82
Dr. Mont., Martin H. Iversen in memory of Mrs. Iversen and Hans Iversen on their birthday March 31st \$50, in memory of Thomas Bentsen \$10	60.00				60.00			
St. Louis, Wis., Emmaus Luth. Church	675.45		200.00	75.45				200.00
St. Louis, Mo., Bethany Luth. Church	231.26		70.00	31.26	60.00			70.00
St. Louis, Mo., McNabb Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Theodore Jensen	3.00				3.00			
St. Louis, Mo., Nazareth Luth. Church	110.00		30.00	20.00	30.00	10.00		20.00
St. Louis, Mo., a group of friends and relatives in memory of Allen Erickson	16.00				16.00			
St. Louis, Mo., Grace Luth. Church	75.00		25.00		25.00			25.00
St. Louis, Mo., Trinity Luth. Church	100.54		30.54	10.00	30.00			30.00
St. Louis, Mo., Elk Horn Luth. Church	350.00		100.00	50.00	100.00			100.00
St. Louis, Mo., St. Peter's Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Rasmus Clausen	10.50				10.50			
St. Louis, Mo., St. Peter's Luth. Church	300.00		100.00		100.00			100.00
St. Louis, Mo., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	362.11		100.00	62.11	100.00			100.00
St. Louis, Mo., Olivet Luth. Church	160.00		40.00	40.00	40.00			40.00
St. Louis, Mo., the Esther Mission Society of Bethany Luth. Church	25.00				25.00			
St. Louis, Mo., St. Mary's Luth. Church	400.00		100.00	25.00	100.00	25.00		160.00
St. Louis, Mo., Miss Marion Jersild	10.00			10.00				
St. Louis, Mo., Dry Creek Luth. Church	133.12		40.00	33.12	30.00			30.00
St. Louis, Mo., in memory of Erick Erickson: Amandus Jensen \$2,								
St. Louis, Mo., Andrew Olson \$1	3.00				3.00			
St. Louis, Mo., Main Street Luth. Church	400.00		100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00		100.00
St. Louis, Mo., Bethany Willing Workers in memory of Martin Johnson	2.00				2.00			
St. Louis, Mo., in memory of Chris Christensen of Nazareth Church: A								
St. Louis, Mo., group of friends \$10, Anna and Leona Jessen \$2	12.00							12.00

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## BY THE FIRESIDE

### EVENTIDE

The day is over with its lights and shadows  
The vespertide shines tranquil in the West,  
Then turn me, O my soul, from things created  
Unto thy rest . . .

From vanities, and falls, and faint endeavours,  
(Through which, O Lord, Thou know'st I love Thee still),  
The homage of a tired mind I bring Thee,  
And steadfast will . . .

With all within me that I shrink from telling,  
I yet beneath Thy pitying gaze can stand;  
Stretch o'er me, Lord, for healing and for blessing,  
Thy pierced hand . . .

Hide me as the long night draws ever nearer  
With every hour of this life's lessening span,  
For Thou hast tasted death, Immortal Saviour,  
For every man . . .

Lighten all darkness of the flesh and spirit,  
Keep me from fears and perils of the night,  
Who, of this world and the Golden City,  
Art the true Light . . .

Thou, Who dost give Thy very Self, Lord Jesus,  
For Food to those that seek the things above,  
What less than self-surrender dare I offer  
Thine awful love . . .

With Angels and Archangels and Blest Spirits,  
Who to the Triune God their hymns address,  
I praise Thee and adore, in solemn gladness  
Thy Holiness . . .

"Parish Review" St. Stephens, Rochester Row.

### THE MAN CHRIST STARTLED

In Christ the creative life of God touches the broken lives of men to make them whole. This is really the main theme of St. John's Gospel. The stories and discourses are variations on that one theme. One man, for example, was a paralytic. For thirty-eight years he sat beside a pool the waters of which were believed to have miraculous healing power, but he was never cured because he could not get into the water soon enough. Jesus singled him out and asked him if he wanted to get well. It must have seemed like a stupid question. Don't we all want to get well? No, some of us don't. Some of us would rather lie in a warm place beside the miraculous waters and watch life go by. A physical infirmity may be the unconscious result of our withdrawal from life. But this man assured Jesus that he did want to get well, but he couldn't. He had no one to put him into the water. Someone else always got there ahead of him. He was sorry for himself. Jesus looked at him and said quietly, "Get up and walk." To the man's amazement, he did! He did not have time to stop and explain that

he could not do it. Jesus communicated power and when he told him he could walk, he could. The man had been waiting for someone to disturb the water; Jesus came and disturbed him. He shook him out of his inertia before he knew it, and brought him back into the stream of life. The ministers of Christ today find many people who need to be soothed, but there are many others who need to be startled. They have come to a standstill, no doubt for some good reason, with the result that they have lost conscience in themselves; they are waiting for something outside to happen, for the angel to trouble the waters in their behalf. The temptation is to console them when they really need to be shaken. They need to hear Christ say through his minister, "Get up and walk! Get going! You have a responsibility; tackle it! You have a difficult situation to handle: stand up to it!" When you say, "But that is just what I can't do," he will say, "You can. If you get into the spirit of Christ and the spirit of Christ gets into you, you can do all things through him."

Condensed from "Christian Century"

### LOVE

Love has a hem to its garment  
That touches the very dust;  
It can reach the stains of the street and  
lanes,  
And because it can, it must.  
It cannot remain on the mountain,  
It is bound to descend to the vale,  
For it knows no rest till it gives its best  
To succour the men who fail.

### CHILD'S EYE VIEW

In the first World War, it is said, American households from which a son had gone to the war used to put a paper star on the window-pane. One day a small boy was being taken down a New York street by his father, and became very excited when he saw the stars in the windows. "Look, Daddy, there's another house that has given a son to the war! And another! And there's another which has given two!" And, see, there's one with no star at all!" Just then they came to a breach in the houses, and in the gap the Evening Star was shining. The boy caught his breath. "Oh, look, Daddy," he cried, "God must have given His Son, for He has got a star in His window!"

Sunday School Chronicle

### THE "I AM's" OF CHRIST

I am and evermore shall be  
The Bread by which men live  
I am the Truth which makes men free  
Abundant life I give.

I am the Light, by which men see,  
The Door, through which men come;  
I am the Way, the upward road  
By which they journey home.

I am the Vine, whose fruits are seen  
The Shepherd, good and kind;  
I know my sheep and lead them forth  
My righteousness to find.

I am the resurrection power,  
I died, that men may be  
Saved from their sin, restored to God  
And blest eternally.

I am the Lamb—my bleeding feet  
The path to Calvary trod;  
I am the Christ, the Anointed One,  
Victorious Son of God.

### MISUNDERSTOOD

Vicar to widow: "I am sorry your husband has joined the great majority."

Widow: "How dare you say such a thing. My husband was a very good man."

—Canon D. Ivor Jones



# News and Notes

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**ss Lake, Ontario.** Pastor Robert J. Several visitors have been with the past months. Dr. Hans C. Jersild was here for the dedication of the parsonage Dec. 19, 1954. It is a modern well-equipped house. Dr. Jersild also conducted a Danish service at that time. On March 20, Pastor Anker Jensen preached at the English service, and Pastor Krogh conducted a Danish service in the evening.

**ed Church Pews.** The Emmaus Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis., will be happy to give away 28 pews, 12 ft. long and a little over one inch in length. Any one is interested please contact Pastor Thorvald Hansen, 1130 Mound St., Racine, Wis.

**Racine, Wis.** Easter services will be conducted in the new church of the Emmaus congregation. This is an indication that the church is soon finished.

**Racine, Wis.** Mr. and Mrs. Nels J. Krogh, 2324 Carmel Ave. who were married 50 years ago in Emmaus Lutheran Church and then later were one of the families who were instrumental in forming the Gethsemane Lutheran Church of which they are charter members and have been active members ever since, will mark their Golden Anniversary on Thursday, April 14th.

Their twelve children will be together for the celebration. They are: daughters, Mrs. Ruth Ohlsson, Mrs. Maria Jensen, Mrs. Robert (Naomi) Laylow, Mrs. Robert (Lillian) Dammeke, and Mrs. Louis (Bernice) Ruf, all from Racine; sons: A. John Hurst, Texas; Harold, Ted, Elmer, Edmund, Stanley of Racine and Robert of Kenosha. The Kroghs have 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Pewaukee, Wis.** Galilee Lutheran Church, Pastor LeRoy F. Andersen. The Galileans in Pewaukee who have recently become a part of the WLC are rapidly being integrated into this Scandinavian synod. Names like Zempel, Zoesch, and Zoeschke are common—while a name like Andersen is almost foreign. But that is no "home Missions"—the wonderful task of bringing an unchurched community into the Kingdom.

Galilee Lutheran, at present over 100 members, is growing rapidly in the Pewaukee Lake Resort area that is known as the 2nd largest ice boat center in the world. Several of our members like the disciples of old take their living from the water as

fishermen, boatmen, or catering to sportsmen. Their knowledge of the rod and reel has also given them an appreciation of being "Fishers of Men." Our members enjoy bringing others to church.

On Sunday morning the church ushers are earlier than most for they have the task of transforming the Town Hall into a House of Worship. Tables must be moved, ash trays cleared, blackboards erased, choir chairs set up, etc. In the basement the voting booth area is the scene of Sunday School classrooms for 130 enrolled children. A Jr. and Sr. Choir numbering about 40, in red and black robes, lead the congregation in song.

Construction of a parsonage is now in process in Galilee's 3 acre building site. As the fastest growing church in this community there is much to be done by the Galileans for the future. We are praying that the Lord will give us strong nets and a vessel for the catch. God has blessed us beyond measure!

**Home Mission says Thank You!** The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the board March 9-10.

In this resolution we wish to interpret this session as one that reflects the urgency of the Home Mission program, as one that binds us together in Christian enterprise, and as one that expresses the compulsion of the love of God in Christ in lesser and greater service alike.

Wherefore be it resolved that we offer our thanks to Dana College and the hands that served us with care and comfort.

Also do we express our appreciation to all who are engaged in the Home Mission Fields, our Home Mission pastors and workers, to the governing members of the administration, and to our congregations who in constraining love supply the means of prayer and money.

Especially do we thank our executive Home Mission secretary, Pastor Matthiesen, for his well prepared presentation and his energetic projection into the challenging Home Mission opportunities.

We thank our President, Dr. Jersild, for his episcopal care and interest for the great Home Mission field which is our beloved Synod, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Be it therefore conclusively resolved that we summarize in one dispatch our gratitude to God, our heavenly Father, and to the Head of the Church our Lord Jesus Christ for the Holy

Spirit who through the blessed means of grace has granted us faith in the forgiveness and life in Christ and chosen us as members of His body, the church, and privileged us to be co-workers in the sharing of the gospel with all people everywhere and always—

For all this, heavenly Father, we offer our thanks from the foot of the cross.

## Lutheran Assembly to Be Held in Minneapolis

Chicago—The Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation will be held Aug. 16-25, 1957 at Minneapolis, Minn.

Theme for the assembly will be "Free and One Through Christ Alone."

Some 275 official delegates, 100 official visitors from member and 100 from non-member Churches all over the world are expected to attend the Minneapolis assembly. There also will be about 25 official visitors from denominational and interdenominational bodies and representatives from youth groups.

## Church and State in Argentina

Roman Catholicism's position as Argentina's State Church was attacked by two important pro-government newspapers at Buenos Aires.

It was believed the attack might be the first move toward separation of Church and State in Argentina.

The two newspapers, Democracia and La Prensa, normally reflect the administration's thinking. The regime often prepares public opinion for a new step through editorials in their columns.

La Prensa joined Democracia in suggesting a constitutional change eliminating the favored status of the Catholic Church.

A few days earlier, Critica, another pro-government daily, accompanied an attack on the hierarchy with a proposal that Church and State be separated.

The paper said that the "malicious position" of the clergy amounted to subversion.

If priests continue to create disturbances, La Prensa said, Argentina should follow the example of "other advanced countries" and change the constitution to eliminate the "bad faith of sectarianism."

## Swedish Parliament gets Bill for Women Ministers

Stockholm—A bill permitting women to become pastors in the Swedish State Lutheran Church was introduced. (Continued on page 15)



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**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Beresford, S. D., in memory of Chris Christensen of Nazareth Church:							
Elsie Jensen and Clarence \$2, Nazareth Sunday School \$2, a group							
of friends \$15, Nazareth Luth. S. S. \$2, C. Woog, J. Jensen, L. Jen-							
sens, C. Miller, V. Jensen and A. Hansen each \$1	27.00			27.00			
Storm Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church	105.00	30.00	15.00	30.00			30
Chicago, Ill., A. V. Hjortsvang \$3 in memory of Mrs. Rev. N. Bentsen,							
Edmore, Mich., \$3 in memory of Mads Johansen, Rolfe, Ia.	6.00						6
Graettinger, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church in memory of Martin Jensen	66.50			66.50			
Owatonna, Minn., Our Savior's Luth. Church	275.00	75.00	25.00	75.00	25.00		75
Marcus, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	235.00	80.00	35.00	60.00			60
Luverne, N. D., Luverne Luth. Church	78.35	40.00					38
Sidney, Mont., Andrew Dynneson of Brorson Church	100.00	40.00		30.00			30
Sidney, Mont., Brorson Luth. Church	13.50		13.50				
Sidney, Mont., J. O. Rasmussen of Brorson Church in memory of Mrs.							
Marie Andersen	2.50				2.50		
Fremont Bluffs, Nebr., Trinity Luth. Church	388.46	100.00	38.46	100.00			150
The United Ev. Luth. Church in memory of Pastor L. Pedersen, Eugene,							
Ore.	10.00						10
Standard, Alberta, Can., Nazareth Luth. Church	540.00	175.00	50.00	125.00	15.00	5.00	170
Minden, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Ole P. Hansen	5.00				5.00		
Beresford, S. D., Nazareth Luth. Church in memory of Jim Thompson	36.25	9.00		12.25			15
Saxeville, Wis., St. John's Luth. S. S.	25.97	18.97		7.00			
Altadena, Calif., Marie Hendrickson	25.00						25
Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. Church	100.00	40.00		30.00			30
Falmouth, Maine, Emmaus Luth. Church; Jan. Mission money \$37.37,							
Febr. Mission money \$24.40, March Mission money \$31.08	92.85	37.37	24.40	31.08			
Blair, Nebr., Rev. P. C. Jensen in memory of J. P. Hansen, Ebenezer							
Church, Audubon, Ia.	5.00						5
Blair, Nebr., Rev. P. C. Jensen for Zion Church, Mason City, Nebr.	25.00		25.00				
Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church	458.70	125.00	58.70	125.00	25.00		125
Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. S. S.	100.00			100.00			
Portland, Ore., Miss Martha E. Frost of Bethany Luth. Church	50.00			50.00			
Portland, Ore., Bethany Ladies Aid	100.00	40.00		30.00			30
Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. Church	100.00	40.00		30.00			30
Waupaca, Wis., Bethel Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Sophus Danielsen	2.00			2.00			
Minneapolis, Minn., Luth. Student Foundation and Pastor William Larsen	340.00						340
TOTAL	193523.05	16638.87	60481.24	17789.12	46615.61	6658.88	1449.16
							43899

## SPECIAL MISSIONS

SPECIAL MISSIONS	Total	South	South	Santal	Sudan	Jewish	China	N.L.C.	Gen. F.
Budget for 1954-1955	Received	Mission	Amer.	Mission	Mission	Mission	Mission	and	Fore.
Previously acknowledged	60318.91	14634.46	11405.60	10000.00	15000.00			L.W.A.	Mission
Blair, Nebr., Mrs. N. P. Nielsen	10.00	5.00		5.00					
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Mrs. A. B. Walters in memory of A. B. Walters	30.00	10.00			10.00			10.00	
Ruskin, Nebr., In memory of Nels C. Houtved from Ruskin friends, by Mrs. Henry A. Thayer	40.00	20.00			20.00				
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	59.46	29.46		15.00	15.00				
Harlan, Ia., Mrs. Erickson and children in memory of Allen Erickson	5.00		5.00						
Harlan, Ia., a group of friends and relatives in memory of Allen Erickson	16.00		16.00						
Lincoln, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Church	8.52			8.52					
Laurel, Nebr., Gethsemane S. S.	15.00	15.00							
Elk Horn, Ia., the Men's Club of Elk Horn Luth. Church for the Parkjuli Mission	10.00			10.00					
Elk Horn, Ia., in memory of Marinus Lange, Atlantic, Ia., for the Parkjuli Mission: The words Mr. and Mrs. are omitted to save space. Harold Cohrs, Harlan Cohrs, Duane Cohrs, C. J. Cohrs \$5, Mrs. Mae Lange and Julius Andersen each \$1, M. C. Lange, John Lange, Adolf Lange, Chris L. Christensen, Herbert Lange, Alvin Lange, Chris Iversen, Miss Anna Lange and Jes Lange each \$2	25.00			25.00					
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	343.70							343.70	
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Beresford, S. D., in memory of Chris Christensen of Nazareth Church: J. Feddersen \$1, Wevik and Christensen \$3	4.00	1.00							
Owatonna, Minn., Our Savior's Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. O. P. Jensen's brother	2.00		2.00					3.00	
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church	141.25								
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Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. Church	283.93							283.93	
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Blair, Nebr., April 9, 1955.

H. J. Hansen, Treas.

PLEASE NOTE: In last week's acknowledgments there was a \$13.75 gift from Community Ladies Aid, Geneva, Minn., for the South American Mission. It should have been for the **Santal Mission**, and it represented Life Memberships for the following 5 ladies, \$6.75 for each: Mrs. Chris Hendricksen, Blooming Prairie, Minn., Mrs. Chris Andersen, Ellendale, Minn., Mrs. Anton Andersen, Ellendale, Minn., Mr. Thomas Nelson, Albert Lea, Minn., and Mrs. Julius Jensen, Geneva, Minn.



## S AND NOTES

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parliament by two Liberal Party  
ers and referred to committee.  
expected to be debated on the  
and voted upon on April 14.

parliament passes the measure it  
then be approved by the Church.  
next triennial session of the  
ch Convocation is scheduled for  
st, 1956, and the proposal would  
bly be considered then.

January, 1950, a royal commis-  
voted overwhelmingly in favor of  
ing women full status as clergy-  
in the State Church. The commis-  
drafted a bill but the Church  
ocation shelved discussion of the

in 1950, however, Archbishop  
Brilioth, Primate of the  
ch, opposed the ordination of  
en. He said in a pastoral letter  
the time was not yet ripe for wo-  
to become Lutheran ministers.

Brilioth argued that the ordin-  
of women would create a split in  
Church and that the weight of  
tion is against women clergymen.

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neva, Switzerland—Luth. churches  
ate eight hospitals and a large  
colony in the Tanganyika Terri-  
East Africa, according to the Lu-  
n World Federation's information  
re.

ree of these hospitals are adminis-  
by the National Lutheran Coun-  
Commission on Younger Churches  
Orphaned Missions, in charge of  
aned mission fields in Tanganyika,  
report said.

other three hospitals are main-  
by the Augustana Lutheran  
ch, while the Church of Norway  
the Church of Sweden missions  
tain a hospital each, it added.

training center for African medi-  
assists is maintained at the  
OM administered hospital at Bum-  
to train medics for hospitals and  
outlying dispensaries throughout  
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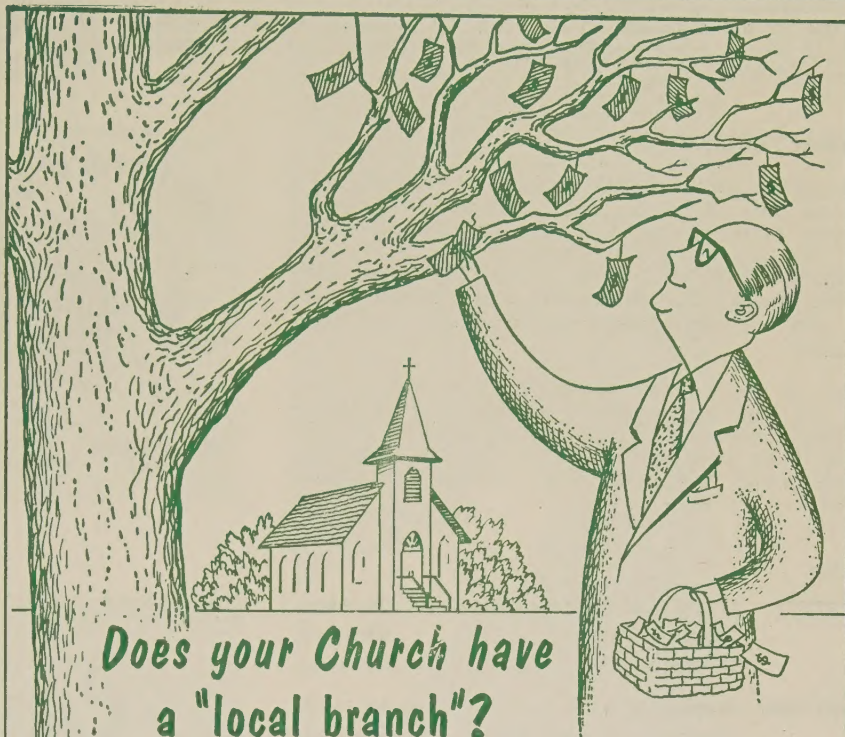
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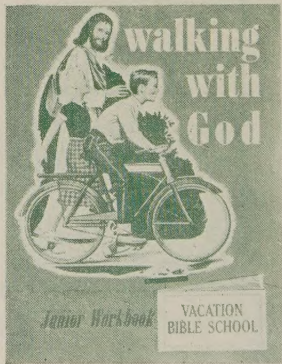
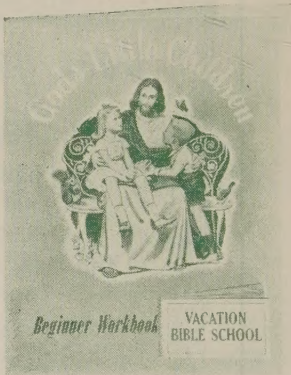
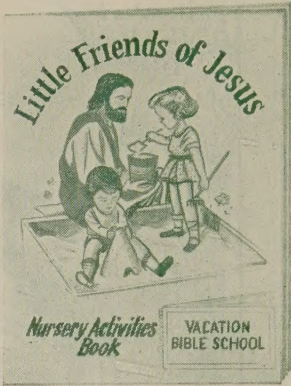
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